

Rare Plants of Louisiana



Sideroxylon reclinatum - Florida bully Sapotilla Family (Sapotaceae)

Rarity Rank: S1/G4G5

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State					
Global					
	imperiled		rare		secure

Range: AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, SC

Recognition:

- Shrub, sometimes tree-like, up to 5 m tall (if protected from fire)
- Branches thin, often having thorns at leaf axils and leafy shoot tips
- Leaves deciduous and alternate (though may be densely spaced)
- Leaf blade oblanceolate, spatulate or obovate as well as from 1 to 6 cm long, 0.4 to 2 cm wide, tips rounded, surfaces glabrous, upper surface dark green
- Flowers small and white, in few or many-flowered clusters
- Fruit is an ovoid, oblong black berry from 5 to 8 mm long
- Can be separated from the common *Sideroxylon lanuginosum* in that the stems of the current season are glabrous in *S. reclinatum* while in *S. lanuginosum*, current-season stems have dark hairs

Flowering Time: Late spring to early summer

Light Requirement: Sun to shade

Wetland Indicator Status:

FAC – similar likelihood of occurring in both wetlands and non-wetlands

Habitat:

This species is represented in Louisiana by one known record from northwest Cameron Parish where it was collected “around camp buildings and in adjoining marsh”.

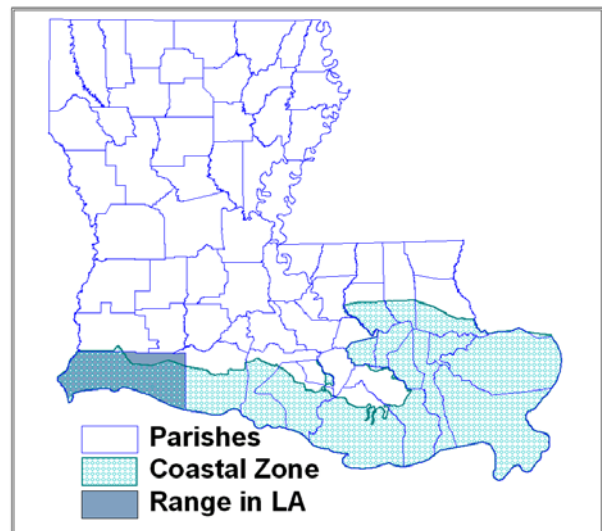
Threats:

Subsidence of marsh and erosion/subsidence of hammocks and shell middens

Beneficial Management Practices:

Protection of fresh marshes and imbedded ridges and shell middens

LA River Basins: Calcasieu, Sabine



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